

Application No. 09/963,914
Amendment "A" dated February 7, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed January 5, 2005

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview held on February 10, 2005. The claim amendments made by this paper are consistent with the proposals discussed during the interview.

The first Office Action, mailed January 5, 2005, considered and rejected claims 1-22. Claims 8-9 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gao (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0032701). Claims 4, 9, 16-18, 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gao, and further in view of Hunt (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0133848). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gao and further in view of Holbrook (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0152222). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gao and further in view of Hunt, and Holbrook. Claims 5 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § a as being unpatentable over Gao in view of Hunt and further in view of Shiran ("Scriptlet Authoring")¹.

By this paper, claims 1, 8-9, 11, 16, 18 and 21 have been amended² and claims 5-6, 10, 12-13, 15, 17, 19-20 have been cancelled, such that claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 14, 16, 18 and 21-22 remain pending, of which claims 1, 11 and 21 are the only remaining independent claims at issue, with claim 1 being directed to a method and claims 11 and 21 being directed to computer program products having computer-executable instructions for implementing the method recited in claim 1 as well as a similar method recited in dependent claim 16.

The claims are generally directed to embodiments for overlaying content over a displayable form of a document in response to a detected event. In one embodiment, for example, this can include overlaying content over a browser displayed document in response to particular cursor movements, as described in the application.

¹ Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art. Specific discussion regarding the merits and purported teachings of the cited art will also not be provided in this paper inasmuch as it is clear from the interview summary that the pending claims are distinguished over the art of record. Applicants reserve, however, the right to challenge the purported teachings of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise.

² Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to overcome the rejections based on § 112, by deleting one claim element and by correcting the claim dependency in claim 9.

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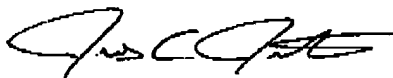
As further discussed during the interview, and as agreed upon by the Examiner, the cited art fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention, including all of the cited claim elements, such as, but not limited to using a scriptlet to map an event to content to be retrieved and for using the scriptlet to retrieve the content in response to being informed of the event, such as a cursor movement, in combination with the other recited elements.

For at least these as well as the other issues addressed during the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for prompt allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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